

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Sarah Bentley called meeting to order 7:02 pm
 - a. Members Present: Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan, Kathy LaBonte, Marie Chamberlin, Sue Swan
 - b. Members Absent: None
 - c. Others Present: Jessica Weaver Boose
2. **Approve Minutes from Meeting on June 12, 2023**
 - a. A ***Motion** was made by Sarah Bentley to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on June 12, 2023. ***Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. No Discussion. ***Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Recreation Director Report**
 - a. Current/Recent programs:
 - i. Tennis
 1. Very Successful, almost double of last year.
 - ii. Concerts
 1. Scheduling Nightmare, but all had great turnouts for all.
 - iii. Youth Golf
 1. Both Sessions sold out and program was very successful.
 - iv. Pony Camp
 1. All weeks were full and a horse added to each session. This is a great program that kids absolutely love to attend. Erin will reach out to Barn to discuss additional options.
 - v. Summer Volleyball
 1. Program went very well. Pre-season camp was full and flex pass option for sessions was used for other programs.
 - vi. Beach Party
 1. Coldest day of the summer....low attendance. Those who did attend, had a great time. The event raised \$850 towards bathroom repairs.
 2. The format for the day is good and building on this event will continue next year.
 - vii. Lego Camp
 1. Full session and great program.
 - viii. Fall Soccer
 1. 61 kids are currently enrolled and plenty of coaches participating in this program.
 - b. Upcoming Programs:
 - i. Fall Lego
 1. Full program, 5 kids on waitlist.
 - ii. Fall Drama
 1. Starts this week, smaller group this year for middle schoolers.
 - iii. Nature Club
 1. Program has low registration numbers. The program has great guest speakers and hoping to increase enrollment numbers.
 - iv. Trick or Treat
 1. This event is scheduled for October 27th
 - v. NYC Bus Trip

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1. Kathy LaBonte has volunteered to chaperone again. All Woodstock tickets have been sold and we are now selling Pomfret seats for this trip.
 - vi. Winter Festival
 1. Information has been sent to the business community. The Recreation commission is currently brainstorming other locations for expansion and a location with heat.
 - vii. Basketball
 1. Still in preparation mode for this event.
 - viii. Ski Club
 1. Still in preparation mode for this event.
 - c. Discussion: New or Old Business, budget
 - i. Tennis Courts resurfacing
 1. Budget
 - a. Total budget is estimated at \$80,000-\$90,000.
 - b. \$45,000 has been allocated from ARPA funds.
 - c. Paving estimate is approximately \$50,000
 - d. Fencing installation will be approximately \$4000
 - e. Signage still needs to be priced
 2. Fundraising ideas
 - a. Flyer created to send out to local businesses and families
 - b. Suggestion of a Wine Tasting as a fundraiser.
 - c. Grants are a possibility for funds. Erin will ask if a Go Fund Me option for public courts is a possibility allowed by Town of Woodstock.
 3. Signage
 - ii. Beach bathrooms
 1. Erin did meet with Town Highway Foreman and Ellis Tech representative about the needed repairs.
4. Citizens Comments
 - a. None
 5. Adjournment
 - a. ***Motion** made Sarah Bentley by to Adjourn. ***Seconded** by Kathy LaBonte. ***The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.